

# NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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**Pamphlet Number:** NFPA 101, 2000 ed.

**Section(s):** 14.3.6, 15.3.6, 8.2.4.3.5

**Comments:**

Interpretation is based on 2009 edition of NFPA 101. Applies to new and existing educational occupancies

**Question:** Are self-closing or automatic-closing doors required on doors between classrooms and egress corridors in educational occupancies?

**Response:** Yes, except as specified below.

Egress corridors must provide a clear path of travel in fire conditions.

Doors to classrooms must be self-closing or automatic closing when the building is not protected throughout by an automatic fire sprinkler system.

When the building is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic fire sprinkler system, and smoke detection tied to the building fire alarm system in all egress corridors, no door closer is required for doors to normally occupied classrooms.

The allowance to delete door closers does not apply to classrooms classified as hazardous areas such as science labs or shops where hazardous activities are conducted, or to rooms not considered classrooms such as cafeterias, commons, media centers and similar spaces.

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